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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

THOMAS P. LYNGHOLM, M.D., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0006848

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 177

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D. Fort Wainwright, AK 99703

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D. (DOB xx-xx-1953), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 29153-20, first issued on March 24, 1988, with registration current through October 31, 2021. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703.
- 2. On July 13, 2008, Patient A, a female born in 1987, presented to the Emergency Department (ED) for evaluation by Respondent.

- 3. Patient A was two days postpartum and presented with complaints neck and back pain since an epidural received while in labor. Her vitals were taken, and her blood pressure was 162/98.
- 4. After discussion with an anesthesiologist, Respondent's impression was that Patient A had a prodome to post-lumbar puncture headache for which he ordered IV fluids and Toradol®. Patient A reported that her pain was gone, and she was subsequently discharged.
- 5. On July 14, 2008, Patient A returned to the ED with complaints of a debilitating headache with vomiting and nausea. Respondent examined Patient A and her recorded blood pressure was 175/96. Patient A remained in the ED and received morphine and a blood patch. After several hours, Patient A reported that her pain improved and she was discharged.
- 6. On July 15, 2008, Patient A returned to the ED and was seen by another physician and admitted for post-partum preeclampsia. A CT scan was performed and interpreted as normal. On July 16, 2008, Patient A underwent MRI and was diagnosed with a hemorrhagic stroke.
- 7. On October 10, 2015, Respondent successfully completed the continuing medical education course *ABFM Self-Assessment Module (SAM) on Cerebrovascular Disease* that was sponsored by the American Board of Family Medicine for a total of 12 hours.
 - 8. Respondent has retired from the practice of medicine.
- 9. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.02(2)(h) by engaging in any practice or conduct which tends to constitute a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of patient or public. (November 2002).
- 3. As a result of the above conduct, Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Administrative Code are to the version of the Code in effect at the time of the alleged conduct.

- 3. Within ninety (90) from the date of this Order, Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$500.00.
- 4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

You may also submit payment online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/

- 5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 29153-20), or Respondent's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.
 - 6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:	Smothy Woodlake MD wo	6/17/2020
•	A Member of the Board	Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

THOMAS P. LYNGHOLM, M.D., RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0006848

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 177

Respondent Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily 2. and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

- Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

15 May 2020

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Thomas P. Lyngholm, M.D., Respondent		
Fort Wainwright, AK 99703		
License no. 29153-20		

Colleen L. Meloy, Attorney

Date

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